

Friday, June 19, 2020

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin
Secretary.....E.J. Quinn
OT Member.....Caitlin Brogan
OT Member.....Rae-Ann Smith
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

Staff

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Bethan Hagaa
Compliance Officer.....Denise Goetz

Guests

Legislative and Regulations Coordinator.....Lillian Reese
Policy Partners Representative.....Rachael Faulkner
Guest.....Jenna Baffone
Guest.....George Quade

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the June General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked to add two topics: NBCOT Compact under New Business and Application Questions under Unfinished Business. Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve with amendments. Mr. Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of the May General Session Minutes. Ms. Banks asked that Ms. Murray’s title be corrected. Ms. Pierre made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 13 OTs and 1 OTA from May’s Executive Session. Ms. Quirk made a motion. Ms. Pierre seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'20

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Renewals

- a. As of Thursday, 1,239 OTs and 318 OTAs have renewed.
- b. 621 OTs and 301 OTAs have yet to renew.
- c. An extension for renewals has been given to July 15th.
- d. If there is still a State of Emergency on July 10th, the deadline will be extended until August 15th.
- e. Ms. Murray asked for the Board's opinion on those who have applied to renewal but have not been fingerprinted. She recommended sending out certified letters to these individuals.
 - i. Ms. Brogan agrees that certified letters be sent out. Ms. Quirk agreed. Ms. Banks agreed.
 - ii. Mr. Quinn thought we should post the requirement to the website, too. Ms. Murray agreed.

b. MyLicense Upgrade Update

- a. Ms. Murray applied for the funds needed to pay for the MyLicense upgrade, but she was initially told that System Automation can no longer be used for a sole source contract, as the Boards are supposed to be using MD Think.
- b. Ms. Murray is waiting to hear back from the Office of Enterprise Technology.

c. Return to the Office Update

- a. The Staff is still only in on an as-needed basis right now.
- b. Ms. Goetz retrieves the mail and completes deposits twice a week, and Ms. Lane is in the office on occasion for IT issues.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

Nothing to report.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R

Staff: Denise Goetz

Nothing to report.

4. Secretary's Report

E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

Nothing to report.

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Daniel Martin, Ph.D.

Staff: Lauren Murray

1. 6/18/2020—An inquiry regarding who can place occupational therapy and evaluation orders in a hospital.
 - a. Ms. Murray believes this is a facility issue, and Ms. Banks agrees.
2. 5/21—An inquiry about whether or not an OT can provide services without an assessment.
 - a. Ms. Quirk believes that you need to have an assessment.
 - b. Ms. Banks said that in the DC school system guidelines that there must be an assessment.
 - c. Ms. Brogan will approach her supervisor about Howard County regulations and the Board can look into the State scope of practice, but she will report that in the meantime it is the opinion of the Board that an assessment must be completed first.
3. 5/20—An inquiry regarding whether or not suctioning vent/trach patients is within the OT scope of practice.
 - a. The Board agreed that it is not within the OT scope of practice, and if there is training, it should only be for an emergent situation.
4. 6/3—An inquiry from an OT not licensed in Maryland to see if he/she could provide seesaw activities for a child to complete with his/her parents.
 - a. The Board agreed that this is acceptable as long as the parents are performing the therapy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Temporary Licenses
 - a. Ms. Murray asked if the Board still wants to give a 6 month window for temporary licensees to take the test.
 - i. Ms. Smith agreed that there should still be a 6 month window.
2. Application Question
 - a. Ms. Murray acknowledged that the Board has not yet discussed the changing of the application question regarding past criminal activity, but she suggested it be discussed at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. NBCOT/AOTA Interstate Compact
 - a. NBCOT and AOTA are working together to create a potential compact between the states.
 - b. Mr. Martin is much happier now with how it looks. He would like to attend one of the sessions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The July Meeting will be held via Google Hangout.
2. Congratulations to Mr. Martin on the birth of his baby girl.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.